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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

KENTARO MATSUMOTO et al. )

Application No.: 09/651,293 )

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)


Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for  
response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003 for two months from May 13, 2003  
to Monday, July 14, 2003.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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